

### III. REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 1, 2, 4-7, 21, 22, 24, 25, and 27, without prejudice. As a result, claims 14-16 and 18 are pending in this application. Applicants respectfully submit that entry of the amendment is proper since it requires no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office. In particular, deletion of the claims will not require any further search or examination.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims remain in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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